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SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA

FOR SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 054134

1. IN SUGGESTING FOLLOWING PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR KABUL VISIT, I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR MRS. NEUMANN AND ME TO ACCOMPANY PARTY ON PLANE FROM TEHRAN TO KABUL. ( COMMERCIAL AIR SCHEDULES PRECLUDE OUR RETURN HERE BY OTHER MEANS IN TIME AFTER CONFERENCE.) COROLLARY WOULD BE THAT I COULD ACCOMPLISH WHATEVER ORAL BRIEFING DESIRED DURING FLIGHT, THEREBY PRECLUDING NEED FOR EMBASSY BRIEFING SESSION AFTER ARRIVAL.

2. PROPOSE MENS' PROGRAM ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: ( AS DIRECTED, NO RPT NO DISCUSSION YET HERE WITH RGA). ( LADIES' PROGRAM - SEPTEL) .
WEDNESDAY APRIL 25
1120 ARRIVE KABUL
( BARE MINIMUM AIRPORT FORMALITIES)
1145-1215 CALL ON HM KING ZAHIR AT PALACE;
1225-1315 MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO
CABINET MEMBERS;
1315-1430 ( WORKING) LUNCHEON, PROBABLY HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER,
CONTINUING PRECEEDING DISCUSSION;
1430-1600 ( SEE BELOW)
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1600 MEET WITH PRESS REPRESENTATIVES IN VIP LOUNGE AT AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE;
1630 TAKE- OFF FOR ISLAMABAD.
( I HOPE TAKE- OFF TIME MIGHT BE THUS RESCHEDULED ONE HALF HOUR LATER IN VIEW BREVITY OF KABUL STOP, SHORT ENSUING FLIGHT, AND PROBABLE LIGHT EVENING PROGRAM IN ISLAMABAD).

3. THIS SCHEDULE WOULD LEAVE PERIOD 1430-1600 TO BE USED FOR ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES, AS DESIRED:
A. BRIEF SIGHTSEEING DRIVE THROUGH OLD CITY AND IMMEDIATE KABUL ENVIRONS, ( 30-45 MINUTES);
B. RELAXATION AT RESIDENCE;
C. SHOPPING ( PICTURESQUE OLD WEAPONS, CARPETS, LAPIS LAZULI OBJECTS AND JEWELERY, FUR HATS AND COATS, EMBROIDERY, ALBASTER, ETC.
D. 30-45 MINUTE INFORMAL MEETING AT CHANCERY OR RESIDENCE WITH SENIOR MISSION STAFF MEMBERS TO PERMIT DEPSEC CONVEY DIRECT SENSE OF POLICY AND ORGANIZATIONAL OUTLOOK FOR PERIOD AHEAD. SINCE DISTANCES BETWEEN ALL POINTS ARE SMALL AND TRAFFIC RELATIVELY LIGHT, WE COULD FIT SEVERAL OF THESE ACTIVITIES INTO THE TIME AVAILABLE. MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FOR ITEMS ( A) AND ( D), IF POSSIBLE.

4. DAYTIME WEATHER HERE IN LATE APRIL SHOULD BE MILD AND AGREEABLE, WITH TEMPERATURES IN 60' S OR 70' S. SPRING WEIGHT CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR WASHINGTON IS CALLED FOR. BUSINESS SUIT WILL BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES.
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